

## CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1        1. A method for verifying a value of goods on a supplier invoice, said method comprising:  
2              inputting a first value of imported goods in a data processing system;  
3              inputting a second value of imported goods in said data processing system;  
4              comparing said first value with said second value;

5              performing a logic step, wherein said logic step comprises one of:

6                  alerting a user if said first value does not equal said second value; and  
7                  making an automated payment if said first value equals said second value; and  
8              repeating said method for subsequent supplier invoices.

1        2. The method of claim 1, wherein said step of inputting a first value of imported goods into  
2              a data processing system comprises inputting a value claimed on an import declaration, and  
3              wherein said step of inputting a second value of imported goods into said data processing system  
4              comprises inputting a value claimed on a payment invoice.

1        3. The method of claim 1, wherein said step of comparing said first value with said second  
2              value occurs for every occurrence of said inputting a first value of imported goods into a data  
3              processing system and said step of inputting a second value of imported goods into said data  
4              processing system.

1       4.     The method of claim 1, wherein said step of comparing said first value with said second  
2           value occurs selectively.

1       5.     The method of claim 4, further comprising selecting a statistical sample of supplier  
2           invoices having said first value greater than a predetermined amount.

1       6.     The method of claim 4, further comprising selecting a statistical random sample from all  
2           supplier invoices in said data processing system, and identifying an amount of occurrences of  
3           unequal first values compared with second values, attributed to a common supplier.

4       7.     The method of claim 6, further comprising selecting all invoices of said common supplier  
5           if said amount of occurrences exceeds a predetermined amount, and alerting said user.

6       8.     A computer system executing a method for verifying a value of goods on a supplier  
7           invoice, said method comprising:

8           inputting a first value of imported goods in a data processing system;

9           inputting a second value of imported goods in said data processing system;

0           comparing said first value with said second value;

1           performing a logic step, wherein said logic step comprises one of:

2           alerting a user if said first value does not equal said second value; and

3           making an automated payment if said first value equals said second value; and

4           repeating said method for subsequent supplier invoices.

1       9.     The computer system of claim 8, wherein in said method, said step of comparing said first  
2     value with said second value occurs for every occurrence of said inputting a first value of  
3     imported goods into a data processing system and said step of inputting a second value of  
4     imported goods into said data processing system.

1       10.    The computer system of claim 8, wherein in said method, said step of comparing said first  
2     value with said second value occurs selectively.

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11.    The computer system of claim 10, wherein said method further comprising selecting a  
statistical sample of supplier invoices having said first value greater than a predetermined amount.

12.    The computer system of claim 10, wherein said method further comprising selecting a  
statistical random sample from all supplier invoices in said data processing system, and identifying  
an amount of occurrences of unequal first values compared with second values, attributed to a  
common supplier.

1       13.    The computer system of claim 12, wherein said method further comprising selecting all  
2     invoices of said common supplier if said amount of occurrences exceeds a predetermined amount,  
3     and alerting said user.

1       14. A program storage device readable by machine, tangibly embodying a program of  
2       instructions executable by the machine to perform a method for verifying an import declaration  
3       with an invoice for value of goods, said method comprising:

4              inputting a first value of imported goods in a data processing system;

5              inputting a second value of imported goods in said data processing system;

6              comparing said first value with said second value;

7              performing a logic step, wherein said logic step comprises one of:

8                  alerting a user if said first value does not equal said second value; and

9                  making an automated payment if said first value equals said second value; and

10                 repeating said method for subsequent supplier invoices.

11       15. The program storage device in claim 14, wherein in said method, said step of inputting a  
12       first value of imported goods into a data processing system comprises inputting a value claimed  
13       on an import declaration, and wherein said step of inputting a second value of imported goods  
14       into said data processing system comprises inputting a value claimed on a payment invoice.

1       16. The program storage device in claim 14, wherein in said method, said step of comparing  
2       said first value with said second value occurs for every occurrence of said inputting a first value of  
3       imported goods into a data processing system and said step of inputting a second value of  
4       imported goods into said data processing system.

1       17.     The program storage device in claim 14, wherein in said method, said step of comparing  
2     said first value with said second value occurs selectively.

1       18.     The program storage device in claim 17, wherein said method further comprises selecting  
2     a statistical sample of supplier invoices having said first value greater than a predetermined  
3     amount.

1       19.     The program storage device in claim 17, wherein said method further comprises selecting  
2     a statistical random sample from all supplier invoices in said data processing system, and  
3     identifying an amount of occurrences of unequal first values compared with second values,  
4     attributed to a common supplier.

1       20.     The program storage device in claim 19, wherein said method further comprises selecting  
2     all invoices of said common supplier if said amount of occurrences exceeds a predetermined  
3     amount, and alerting said user.